

The Bell companies operate facilities that were built under regulated monopoly status, paid for by the customers, and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that can serve the customers without the customers having to pay twice for the facilities. Wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the me and other consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act forcing me to use the lecs as the only option.

Please place the consumer, who is also the voter and taxpayer, before the business's convenience. The reuglating of a level playing field keeps competition viable and the lecs from price gouging.